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Sent: 2/3/2022 10:55:00 AM
Subject: Message from GoFundMe Regarding Ottawa Protest - OPS message to media

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Good afternoon [redacted] and [redacted], this is the response we are proving to inquiring media today:

Yesterday, the Ottawa Police Service met with GoFundMe. GoFundMe has paused fundraising for the current demonstrations and is currently conducting a review to verify whether or not the campaign complies with their terms of service and applicable laws and regulations.
The Ottawa Police Service will support them in that review, and will provide updates as they become available.

We hope this helps,
Carole

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Good afternoon,

We have received your questions and are looking into answers.

Thank you,

Amy

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Ottawa Police Media Relations Team,

My name is Redacted a Senior Lead on the Trust & Safety team at GoFundMe. Earlier this afternoon, I spoke with Carol from your Media Relations Section phone line and she kindly directed me to contact your group via email.

You may be aware that a GoFundMe fundraiser [gofundme.com] has been set up related to the truck convoy to Ottawa. Our GoFundMe Trust & Safety team has been keeping a close eye on developments of the truck convoy as well as the subsequent Ottawa protests and are actively in touch with the organizers of this fundraiser.

We wanted to establish a connection with your organization to help us communicate even more clearly with the organizers about our expectations that funds be used only to support peaceful protests and to more effectively implement our processes for monitoring/removing fundraisers started by or for the benefit of individuals suspected of engaging in illegal activities. For example, fundraising for the legal defense of these individuals would not be permitted on our platform.

Accordingly, if you can provide any of the following information, it would be greatly appreciated:

- **When will protestors be asked/required to leave Ottawa?**
- We understand there are a few ongoing investigations by the Ottawa Police into individuals suspected of engaging in illegal behavior during the protests. **Can you share any information regarding these individuals, i.e., their names and how they arrived to Ottawa?** This information will help us work with the organizers to prevent these individuals from receiving funds from the current fundraiser and monitor/remove any fundraisers set up to support these individuals. If you'd like us to notify you of these attempts, we certainly can.

We look forward to your response. You may reply directly to this email. And we also have our emergency phone line +1 Redacted should you need to contact us live. My colleague, Redacted of our News Team, also copied this message.

Best,
Redacted

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